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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John James McGlew on May 27, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 12, after the comma has been inserted -- said --.

In claim 1, line 17, before "mounted" has been inserted -- movably --.

In claim 5, line 1, "1" has been changed to -- 4 --.

In claim 14, line 10, after the comma has been inserted -- said --.

In claim 14, line 13, the first occurrence of "deflector" has been changed to -- deflectors --.

In claim 14, line 18, "deflector" has been changed to -- deflectors --.

In claim 14, line 19, "deflector" has been changed to -- deflectors --.

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2. The above changes have been made in order to correct minor errors in the claims and to more clearly recite the invention under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because the prior art of record does not disclose a web expanding device including a cutting means for longitudinally cutting the web into a left-hand web strand and a right-hand web strand, first and second left-hand deflecting means, and first and second right-hand deflecting means, wherein the web strands are expanded in parallel in relation to one another by an amount of expansion by wrapping around the deflecting means, and at least one of the left-hand deflecting means and at least one of the right-hand deflecting means being movably mounted such that each is adjustable by a path of adjustment in order to adjust the amount of expansion, and one of the second deflecting means is movable in relation to the other of the second deflecting means and/or one of the first deflecting means is movable in relation to the other of the path of the strand between the left-hand deflectors differs from the length of the path of the strand between the right-hand deflectors.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy B. Vanatta whose telephone number is 703-308-2939. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on 703-305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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